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TOPIC Military Information from Altenradow  
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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 12 January 1952, 8 x 100-mm AT guns and 6 x 152-mm howitzers, coupled to caterpillar tractors and guarded by several soldiers, were observed south of the filling plant of the ammunition depot at the Altenradow (M 53/Z 00) troop training grounds. About 300 soldiers with rifles were engaged in field training in the nearby terrain.

2. Eight trucks [REDACTED] loaded with boxes of ammunition, came from the direction of Drewitz and drove toward the garages and the repair shop at the ammunition depot. About 25 to 30 trucks were in the gun parking lot. 25X1

3. Field howitzers of 122-mm, guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, were observed in open sheds at the North Camp. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen in front of the quarters of the North Camp. A total of 350 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and equipped with rifles, submachine guns and light mortars, marched into the installation. They were organized into 3 groups of 90 men each and 1 group of 80 men, with the groups marching at intervals of 100 meters. 25X1

4. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 12 January, individual fire with live ammunition of light and heavy artillery pieces was heard. The reports occurred every 15 minutes. 25X1

5. [REDACTED] the northern section of the North Camp of the Altenradow troop training grounds was occupied by an artillery regiment which had allegedly been previously stationed in Bernburg (M 52/D 76). Artillery pieces observed with the unit included 12 x 76-mm guns and 12 x 122-mm guns, all of them towed by caterpillar tractors. During the same period, the southern sector of the North Camp housed an artillery regiment, which also had 12 x 76-mm guns and 12 x 122-mm guns, and was said to have been previously stationed in Magdeburg (M 51/D 69). All guns observed were standing in open wooden sheds which had been newly constructed southwest of the billets. 25X1

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7. On 25 January, an ammunition train, which consisted of 10 boxcars and 1 coach for escorting personnel and had come from Brest Litovsk, was seen at the ammunition depot. The post bakery was not operating on 1 February. Only a sentry was observed in front of it. Between 11 January and 1 February, about 3,000 telephone masts, cut and prepared at the troop training grounds, were dumped at the Altengrabow railroad station. A railroadman stated that they would be shipped to Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63). \*

\* [REDACTED] Comment. The gun calibers specified [REDACTED] are conflicting and do not correspond with the last report, [REDACTED] 25X1  
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[REDACTED] On the basis of that information, two artillery regiments, i.e., one regiment of the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig from Bernburg and one regiment of the 44th (?) Army Arty Brig from Magdeburg, have been carried as being permanently stationed in the North Camp and it was believed that the units were uniformly equipped with 76.2-mm guns and 152-mm guns respectively. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] There is a possibility that the artillery regiment of the 3d (?) Gds Arty Brig may consist of two battalions equipped with 122-mm howitzers and 76.2-mm field guns respectively. However, it seems more likely that all of the 76.2-mm guns observed in open sheds in the North Camp belong exclusively to this regiment, while the artillery pieces described as 122-mm guns actually were 152-mm howitzers and belong to the artillery regiment of the 44th (?) Army Arty Brig. The 10-mm AT artillery guns mentioned in paragraph 3 may belong to the heavy AT artillery regiment of the 44th (?) Army Arty Brig which is believed to be stationed in Burg and possibly detached elements to Altengrabow for practice. [REDACTED] The light mortars mentioned in paragraph 3 of the present report have not been observed with an artillery brigade before. [REDACTED] 25X1  
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